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- (b) The Government do not propose to take any action. The supply of cross-belts to sub-inspectors is unnecessary and would involve considerable extra expenditure.

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—“ May I ask the hon. the Law Member what was the opinion expressed by the sub-inspectors, and if they expressed the opinion in favour of having cross-belts ? ”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Some are in favour of it.”

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—“ I wish to know whether European sergeants in the same grade as sub-inspectors are not supplied with cross-belts, and if so why such cross-belts should be denied to Indians.”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ They are, Sir.”

The Police Administration Reports.

* 1479 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why, while in the administration report of the City Police the subject of political activities is dealt with in a separate chapter, in the Police administration report for the districts the same is dealt with under the part headed ‘ Statistics of crime ’ ?

A.—The arrangement of the administration report is left to the discretion of the Inspector-General of Police and the Commissioner of Police.

State Prisoners.

Bengal State prisoners in Madras jails.

* 1480 Q.—Mr. V. PANTULU AYYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Bengal State prisoners Messrs. Das, Ganguly and Gupta are now confined in Trichinopoly and Messrs. Sen, Sirkar and Majumdar at Cannanore or in any of the Madras jails; if so, when they were received in this province and the reasons for the same;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mr. Das ever suffered badly from duodenal ulcer and that Mr. Ganguly from nasal catarrh and cystitis; if so, what arrangements were made by the Government for their treatment;

(c) whether any Civil Surgeon or any other doctor recommended to the Government advocating medical treatment for them and, if so, with what result;

(d) whether it is a fact that the above mentioned State prisoners have been put into punishment cells in this province;

(e) what were the privileges allowed to these detenues in Bengal and Burma and in this province; and

(f) if they were deprived of any of the privileges previously enjoyed by them, the reasons for the same and the authority responsible for it?

A.—(a) Certain prisoners have been transferred to Madras jails; the Government are not prepared to specify the jails in which they are confined or the reasons why they have been transferred to this Presidency.

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(b) & (c) On arrival, State prisoner Das complained of having had duodenal ulcer. At present he has no symptoms of an ulcer. He is suffering from intestinal stasis, for which he is under medical treatment. On arrival, State prisoner Ganguly complained of having suffered from nasal catarrh, headache and cystitis. Nasal catarrh and headache improved under treatment. Both are under the treatment of a senior and experienced medical officer.

(d) No.

(e) & (f) They are given the privileges allowed them under the rules framed by the Bengal Government.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer to clause (a), may I ask the hon. the Law Member whether these persons are maintained in the Madras jails at the expense of the Madras tax-payer ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" So far as I know, they are not maintained at the expense of the Madras tax-payer."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether contributions are made by the Government of India towards the cost of maintaining all these State prisoners in the Madras jails ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I should like to verify it before I can give an accurate answer."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask whether the Madras Government were consulted as to whether there was adequate and proper room for the prisoners from outside the province, before they were transferred, or whether it was a kind of hukum issued by the Government of India which this Government have to obey, no matter whether they have got room or not in the jails ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not able to give reasons why they have been sent to Madras."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I am sorry I am misunderstood. I am not asking for the reasons. I am asking whether this Government have any freedom of opinion or judgment with regard to the transference of non-Madras prisoners to the Madras jails, or whether they have merely got to find room for such prisoners, as the Government of India transfer to our jails ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" This Government have a voice."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask whether this Government were consulted in the matter and if so, what their opinion was ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am sorry I am unable to say what the Madras Government did on the occasion."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask whether the Government of Madras—I am not asking as to what they said—were consulted before the prisoners were sent to the Madras jails ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes ; they were consulted."

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"With reference to (a), the Government are not prepared to specify the jails in which they are confined, may I know why the Government refuse to give the names of the jails?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"We had to carry out the instructions given to us in the matter."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I take it then that the instructions are not to divulge even to the Legislative Council the names of the jails?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"It is not open to me to divulge them."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"With reference to the answers to (b) and (c) of this question, may I ask whether the answer is based upon the report of the medical officers of the prisons where these people are confined, if so, what the dates of the reports are, and whether the reports contain any information other than what is given in the answer?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"The answer is based on the reports received."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I ask for the dates of the reports?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I want notice."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I ask if the reports contained anything besides the information contained in the answer?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I do not think so."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"May I know with reference to (e) and (f) whether there has been any trouble arising here from the difference in the privileges allowed by the rules in Bengal and in Burma?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"No."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Going back to (b) and (c), may I know whether the prisoner suffering from intestinal stasis is still under medical treatment, and what the latest report about him says?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I think, Sir, he is improving."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I ask the hon. Home Member to call, from time to time, for reports with regard to the physical condition of the two persons who are admittedly ill and satisfy himself and this House that they are getting the best medical treatment available especially since they are confined against their will and for no crime?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Certainly, Sir. I shall do so."

Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—"May I know whether these are not questions that are most aptly to be put in the Assembly and whether it is the function of this Council or of this Government to answer them? I merely want the information."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"But the question has been admitted. Mr. S. Satyamurti : 'Hear, hear.'"

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Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" May I ask whether these prisoners are allowed the privileges admissible under the rules framed by the Madras Government ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice of the question. Moreover, I do not know how the question arises when they are to be treated according to the rules framed by the Bengal Government."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" It arises because they are here in prisons situated within the precincts of this Presidency and under the control of the Madras Government."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I should like to have notice, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know who pays, Madras or Bengal ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have answered the question already."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" Do the rules framed by the Madras Government conform to the rules framed by the Government of Bengal ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Notice."

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—" Clause (e) of the question relates to the privileges and there is thus notice given, Sir."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I do not think so."

Land Revenue.

Assignment of darkhast lands to Brahmans.

* 1481 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) why a darkhast land in Survey No. 125 has been assigned on patta to a Brahman gentleman in Athoor village, Sithayancottai, Dindigul taluk, Madura district;

(b) whether he is an ex-military man;

(c) how many acres of darkhast lands were assigned to Brahman gentlemen in various places in the Presidency during the past five years together with the survey numbers, extent of land, wet or dry, remission of tree value made, name of village, taluk and district;

(d) whether they are actually cultivating the lands;

(e) whether they are all ex-military men; and

(f) whether they were not possessing patta lands before such assignments of darkhast lands were made; and if so, how many acres in each case?

A.—The Government are not aware of the details of the case referred to in clause (a) nor are the statistics asked for in clause (c) available.